with the objective of preparing model legislation for plugging the loopholes of the existing legislation, which is an important agenda of the Common Minimum Programme of the Government.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Year 1994-95		Year 1995-96		Year 1996-97	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1.	Andhra Pr.	103180	13002	7578	10773	9000	3427
2.	Assam	57280	8359	38040	3228	28570	3163
3.	Bihar	94000	4156	4515	5816	3300	1841
4.	Gujarat	40270	4499	1600	1530	1600	1892
5.	Haryana	2380	285	4483	189	1460	534
6.	Himachal Pr.	1970	0	4183	0	NF	
7.	J & K	6000	0	5575	0	NF	
8.	Karnataka	32000	717	NF		8160	937
9.	Kerala	9230	239	1992	171	2620	185
10.	Madhya Pr.	50000	200	922	85	9260	280
11.	Maharashtra	14250	739	238	471	520	421
12.	Manipur	50	0	3	0	NF	
13.	Orissa	5680	1069	696	833	870	956
14.	Punjab	15180	96	80	50	50	277
15.	Rajasthan	35750	6579	8190	8898	5050	3444
16.	Tamil Nadu	5330	5346	102	3354	1320	3173
17.	Tripura	60	0	NF		10	0
18.	Uttar Prad.	56970	11249	947	5624	5000	4870
19.	West Bengal	32990	5267	98	10788	NF	
20.	D & N Haveli	690	125	343	76	340	0
21.	Delhi	460	0	NF		NF	
22.	Pondicherry	140	0	31	0	100	0
		563860	61927	79616	51886	77230	25402

NF : Targets not fixed mainly on the ground that, as per the report of the State Governments, there was not net ceiling surplus land available for distribution free from all encumbrances.

Ispat Group

3590. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ispat Group juggles its funds" appearing in the Indian Express, dated July 19, 1977;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Merger of Poverty Alleviation and Employment Scheme

3591. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to merge poverty alleviation programme and employment oriented programmes and to allocate more funds for it;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the amended programme is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the poverty alleviation programmes and employment oriented programmes; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to remove the shortcomings in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government propose to revamp and redesign various Centrally Sponsored poverty alleviation and rural employment programmes.

(c) and (d) Various programmes implemented by the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment are reviewed through monitoring mechanism which, *inter-alia*, consists of obtaining periodical progress reports/returns, financial returns/audit reports, intensive field inspections, reviews and monitoring by Committees and by senior officers. Besides, the Government regularly reviews implementation of programmes in various States through the Central Level Coordination Committees, State Level Coordination Committees and at the district level by the governing body of District Rural Development Agencies.

Conversion of Railway Line

3592. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to convert railway line between Bareilly Junction and Izzatnagar city workshop;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the conversion work is likely to be started?